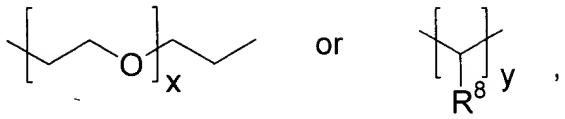
R^3 is:



where x is an integer of 0 to 10, especially 1 to 4; y is an integer of 2 to 30, especially 2 to 10; and R^8 is hydrogen or methyl;

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R^4 is selected from aliphatic diols of 2 to 20 carbon atoms, preferably 2 to 10 carbon atoms, interrupted by one amide, imide, urea, or urethane group; and

the proportion of units in which A is R^1 is 1 - 50 mol%, preferably 2 - 30 mol%, more preferably 5 - 30 mol%.

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is added by the amendment, as it corrects obvious typographic errors, where the correction can be seen by reference to definition of R^6 at page 10. A version of the amended specification showing the changes made from the application as it existed prior to this amendment is attached.

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Amended text showing amendments made
(additions underlined, deletions in brackets)

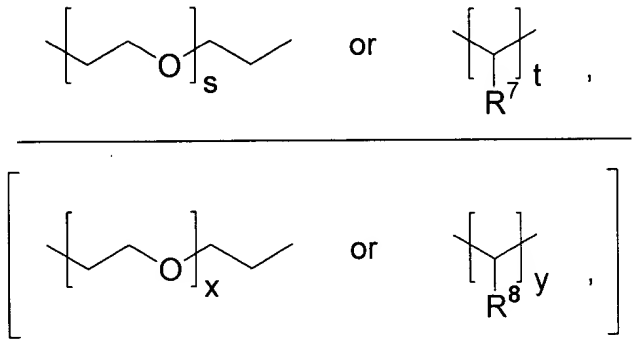
Page 12, paragraph at lines 1-15:

Preferred polyorthoesters are those where:

n is an integer of 5 to 1000;

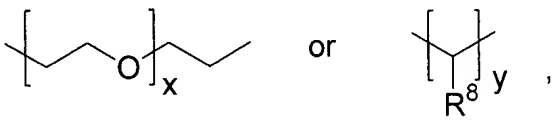
R^5 is hydrogen or methyl;

R^6 is:



where s is an integer of 0 to 10, especially 1 to 4; t [s] is an integer of 2 to 30, especially 2 to 10; and R^7 is hydrogen or methyl;

R^3 is:



where x is an integer of 0 to 10, especially 1 to 4; y is an integer of 2 to 30, especially 2 to 10; and R^8 is hydrogen or methyl;

R^4 is selected from aliphatic diols of 2 to 20 carbon atoms, preferably 2 to 10 carbon atoms, interrupted by one amide, imide, urea, or urethane group; and

the proportion of units in which A is R^1 is 1 - 50 mol%, preferably 2 - 30 mol%, more preferably 5 - 30 mol%.